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City of Newburgh Youth Bureau 21st Century Program, NECSD Social Workers, SUNY Orange, & Community Partners Sponsor Free “Reconnecting Families Summit” March 31, 2012

The second annual “Reconnecting Families Summit” will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on March 31, 2012 in the Great Room (Kaplan Hall) of SUNY Orange’s Newburgh Campus, 5 Washington Street. (Enter on Grand Street.) The summit is part of a three-part Anti-Bullying series, including a Talent Show on April 27, and a Rally on June 2.

Co-sponsors of the free event are the City of Newburgh Youth Bureau, 21st Century Community Learning Centers and Dynamic Approach Marching Band, Newburgh Enlarged City School District Social Workers and Parent and Homeless Liaisons, SUNY Orange, Hudson Health Plan, the Orange County Department of Health, Girl Scouts of America, Headstart of Eastern Orange County, Inc., and Perfect Touch Entertainment.

The summit theme is “Stop Bullying Now: Take a Stand, Lend a Hand.” Keynote speaker is Hashim Garret, who after six years of presenting the Harvard Violence Prevention curriculum to more than 15,000 students, founded “Wisdom & Understanding LLC”, a conflict resolution and life enhancement organization.

Lifelong peacemaker and author J. Christoph Arnold, founder of “*Breaking the Cycle*,” will speak about his program of nonviolent conflict resolution which has been brought into hundreds of schools in the United States and England.

There will be morning workshops for adults and children on topics from keeping personal information safe to anger management, dealing with emotions, and improving school climate for all students.

The afternoon will include performances by Hudson River Playback Theater, Mitch Greig’s Karaoke Program for children ages 5-10, and Zumba.

The event will also include food, giveaways, childcare for children ages 3-4 years, and garage parking at no cost.

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